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1. JAPANESE FONMIN TOSHIO KIMURA VISITED EGYPT
NOV 7-9. KIMURA SAW PRIMIN HEGAZI, FONMIN FAHMY
AND A NUMBER OF OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. HE DID NOT
SEE PRESIDENT SADAT WHO WAS ILL AT THE TIME. (MRS.
KIMURA, HOWEVER, WAS RECEIVED BY MRS. SADAT ACCORDING
TO MFA PROTOCOL SOURCE TO REINFORCE FACT PRESIDENT SADAT
REALLY WAS ILL AND UNABLE TO RECEIVE KIMURA.)

2. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE KIMURA MADE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS
TO THE PRESS SUPPORTING SADAT'S ME PEACE EFFORTS. FINAL
COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINED A NUMBER OF HELPFUL STATE-
MENTS FROM THE EGYPTIAN STANDPOINT:

A. HIGH TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE JUST AND DURABLE PEACE.

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B. KIMURA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF EGYPTIAN POSITION

REQUESTING FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RESTORATION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

C. HE REAFFIRMED PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN A JAPANESE STATEMENT OF NOV 22, 1973 ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FORCES FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 WAR.

D. HE MADE STATEMENT RESPECTING INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF TERRITORIES OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA AND THE NEED FOR GUARANTEES TO THAT END.

E. KIMURA SHARED WITH EGYPTIANS THE VIEW THAT REALIZATION OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN ME THROUGH PROMPT AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES 242 WAS ESSENTIAL TO WORLD PEACE.

3. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, KIMURA:

A. SIGNED \$140 MILLION LONG-TERM LOAN FOR FIRST STAGE DREDGING OF SUEZ CANAL.

B. INDICATED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, AGREEMENT TO ASSIST THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN: SPONGI IRON WORKS; A PHOSPHATE PROJECT; A FERRISILICON PROJECT; AND AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY.

C. REPORTEDLY SIGNED A FURTHER LOAN AMOUNTING TO \$100 MILLION INCLUDING \$35 MILLION TO IMPROVE THE NEW PORT OF EL DIKHEILA AND \$15 MILLION TO IMPROVE SEWAGE AND WATER SYSTEMS IN THE ALEXANDRIA AREA AS WELL AS \$50 MILLION TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES FROM JAPAN (SEE CAIRO 8945).

D. DISCUSSED MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND JAPAN. JAPANESE AGREED TO STUDY CONCRETE MEASURES TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN EGYPT.

E. AGREED TO BEGIN TALKS ON AN AGREEMENT FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF RECIPROCAL INVESTMENTS.
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F. ALSO AGREED TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING JOINT COMMITTEE TO FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE WOULD BE HEADED BY RESPECTIVE FONMINS.

4. EARLIER AT A PRESS CONFERENCE KIMURA INDICATED THAT JAPANESE RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF

THE PALESTINIANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN CHARTER AND
SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION TO INVITE PLO REPRESENTATIVES TO
PARTICIPATE IN UN DISCUSSIONS.

5. KIMURA EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO FONMIN FAHMY
TO VISIT JAPAN AT A LATER DATE TO BE ARRANGED. THE STANDING
INVITATION OF THE JAPANESE TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND MRS.
SADAT WAS RECONFIRMED AND FONMIN FAHMY ACKNOWLEDGED
THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION AND EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT THE VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. COMMENT: SEVERAL DAYS AGO JAPANESE COUNSELOR
INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT NO NEW MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE
WOULD BE RAISED DURING VISIT. ON SURFACE, IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT HIS PREDICTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. THE LOANS
MENTIONED ABOVE HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO IN
PRINCIPLE SOME TIME AGO.
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